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PUBLIC NOTICE

CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRIES DIVISION REGULATION AND LICENSING DEPARTMENT

RENEWAL PROCESS AND PROCEDURES FOR JOURNEYMAN CLASSIFICATIONS DURING THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

Due to the public health emergency declared by Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham in Executive Order 2020-004 and the New Mexico Department of Health's Order of March 23, 2020, designating that essential businesses, including the construction industry, the division shall continue operating while abiding by the requirements of social distancing and continue to issue permits and conduct inspections of general construction, mechanical/plumbing, electrical, and liquefied petroleum construction to ensure life and property safety.

The division recognizes there may be delays for journeymen being able to complete all continuing education requirements necessary for renewal of their certifications. Therefore, the division shall immediately implement the following procedures for those whose renewals were due in March or thereafter until further notice:

- Journeyman applicants for renewal of their certification who are unable to complete their renewal due to COVID-19 restrictions may request, upon completion of their application and submittal of their renewal fee, a delay in the continuing education submittal requirement.
- PSI, the division's third party vendor, shall consider all requests and, if approved, provide notification of such approval.
- Upon receipt of approval an electrical and/or plumbing/mechanical journeyman a provisional certification shall be issued noting that all continuing education requirements shall be completed within sixty (60) days of health restrictions being lifted and in person classes being reopened. This will allow the journeyman to continue operating in their chosen profession with the continuing education requirements delayed until

notification of lifting of restrictions by the Governor and the Department of Health.

- Late fees for late submission shall be waived for those receiving approval.
- Failure to complete continuing education requirements within the sixty (60) day extension period may subject the journeyman to suspension of certification by the Construction Industries Commission.

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